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1. [ ] a meeting was held at the offices of DEZ-Holz, Berlin.  
The meeting was convened to discuss the 1952 import plan for timber in general and for sawn oak in particular,
2. Attendance at the meeting was large, consisting of representatives from the following:  
  
Ministry for Light Industry  
State Secretariat for Materials Procurement  
  
Ministry of Machine Construction  
  
Reparations Office  
  
Representatives of railroad passenger car builders and shipyards.
3. The representatives from firms producing railroad passenger cars and from shipyards stressed the fact that their 1952 production plan depended on the supply of sawn oak, of which they needed 31,000 cubic meters.
4. For the meeting, DEZ-Holz prepared a list (see below), showing an assessment of the supply situation. This assessment does not cover the above-mentioned requirement (31,000 cubic meters). Only 3,350 cubic meters, shown in the first quarter under Western Germany, are expected to arrive because this particular consignment has already been inspected and accepted for delivery. As regards all other items, negotiations are either in progress or about to commence.

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|              | <u>I. Quarter</u> | <u>II. Quarter</u> | <u>III. Quarter</u> | <u>IV. Quarter</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| France       | 2,818             | 3,500              | 1,000               | -                  |
| Switzerland  | 750               | -                  | -                   | -                  |
| Poland       | 270               | -                  | -                   | -                  |
| Yugoslavia   | -                 | 2,500              | -                   | -                  |
| Rumania      | 275               | -                  | -                   | -                  |
| Belgium      | 1,000             | -                  | -                   | -                  |
| West Germany | 3,350             | 3,000              | -                   | -                  |

5. As sawn oak was, so much in demand, a committee was formed which would visit Josef Orlopp of the Ministry of Foreign and Domestic Trade and which would insure that no effort was spared to procure this commodity.

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